GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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NATIONAL DATA CENTRE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to set up a " National Data Centre" which would connect about 1300 major post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total estimated funds required for the proposed project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Data Centre for Department of Posts has been set-up by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) at NIC Headquarters, New Delhi in the year 2006-07. A Disaster Recovery facility will also be set-up at NIC's Disaster Recovery Centre, Hyderabad soon. All computerized Post Offices, major administrative & accounts offices, Mail Offices, Speed Post Centres etc. of the Department of Posts will be connected to the Data Centre in a phased manner. About 1300 computerized offices including 819 Head Post Offices, 366 Mail Offices and Speed Post Centres, 72 major administrative & accounts offices are expected to be connected in the current year.

(c) Total estimated funds required for setting up of the National Data Centre and for networking of 1300 major computerized offices is Rs. 58.53 crores.